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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): NINOMIYA, et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR RECOVERING  
DITRIMETHYLOLPROPANE

Group: 1764

Examiner: V. Manoharan

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2002, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the  
claims remaining in the application as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for recovering ditrimethylolpropane by-  
produced when producing trimethylolpropane by reacting n-butyraldehyde with  
formaldehyde in the presence of a basic catalyst, and then separating